Study tour description and purpose:
This structured tour offers a safe opportunity to better understand Middle East society, Islamic culture, and observe health care delivery practices across cultural boundaries in order to understand its influence where we live. The study tour will consist of six working days at area hospitals or offices for lecture and observation with two days for nearby cultural excursions. The tour will begin with two half day sessions to learn basic common Arabic phrases. Lecture discussions will be arranged with officials from the Ministry of Health, hospital executives, and university faculty to learn about national health concerns and associated initiatives. In hospitals or clinics students will shadow health professionals to observe health care provision and observe or identify cultural differences in delivery of that care. Attempts will be made to pair the student with a professional in their own field of study (e.g. US nursing student with an Omani nurse). Cultural excursions will additionally shape cultural understanding while experiencing geographical beauty of this close U.S. ally Middle Eastern country.

Study Tour Outcomes:
- Compare and contrast health care delivery systems between Oman and the US
- Compare and contrast point of contact health care delivery in hospital and clinic settings
- Develop an awareness of Middle East culture and customs
- Develop an appreciation for Islamic religion

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Eligibility:
Must be a University of Nebraska student, preference to those enrolled in a health professions program. Study tour must have at least four students. Option of receiving 1 credit for participation is available.

Financial considerations:
Tour cost $900, airfare cost $1750-1950, academic credit - variable. Individual total tour cost will vary per individual. A minimum of $500 in scholarship funding is available to offset total cost of the tour. Costs are categorized into pre-travel, airfare, in-country, and academic. *indicates individually variable cost.
- Pre-travel: Insurance (*international health, medical evacuation & repatriation), *passport
- Airfare: variable $1750-1950
- In-country: visa-$15; 8-day per diem for food, transportation, museums, and incidentals - $900
- Academic: $750 (approximate) or less

Application:
1) Complete the application form located at https://ihme.wufoo.com/forms/qmk4xnr02gerz4/
2) Print and sign the Release of Liability form and deliver to Ms. Dohrmann at (a) intercampus to zip 5700 or (b) scan and email to ddohrmann@unmc.edu or (c) deliver to office 3031 in BSC.
Release of Liability
THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY.

I elect to travel to Muscat, Oman to participate in a health professions study tour. I understand the living in any new place may involve changes in plans, unexpected delays, and limited access to services. I understand that I am subject to the laws of Oman, including those of migration, and that The University of Nebraska Medical Center cannot be held accountable for the actions of governments or their representatives. I am aware that the use of transportation, lodging, food, and other goods, services or activities in connection with participation as a student carries a risk of personal injury and property damage or loss.

I agree that I will not sue or otherwise make any claim against the University of Nebraska Medical Center or any of its officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers, for any injury, loss of damage suffered as a result of my participation as a student, regardless of whether such injury, loss, or damage was caused, in whole or part, directly or indirectly, by the actions, inaction, negligence or otherwise by any officer, employee, agent, contractor, or volunteer of the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

I also hereby agree to release and discharge the University of Nebraska Medical Center, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers from all actions, claims, or demands, for myself, my family, my heirs, or personal representatives, for death, injury, loss, or damage resulting in my participation as a student in the health professions study tour to Muscat, Oman.

I AM OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONTRACTORS, AND VOLUNTEERS, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

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Print Full Name

For office use:

_______ Date $250 deposit received – Due by April 30, 2015
_______ Date remainder trip fees/costs – Due by June 1, 2015
_______ Active dates or expiration date of Int’l health insurance
_______ Expiration date of medical evacuation and repatriation insurance